

REMARKS

Claims 1-20, and 22-25 are pending in the Application, of which claims 1 and 19 are independent.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. These changes do not introduce new matter.

Summary of the Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview on March 2, 2006. During the interview, claims 1, 17 and 19 were discussed. This Amendment may serve as a further summary of the interview.

Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 and 22-25 as obvious over claims 1-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,914. Enclosed herewith, Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-20 and 22-25 is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-12 and 15-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Caswell et al. in view of Frowein et al. This rejection is substantially identical to the rejection made in the Office Action dated August 10, 2005. As discussed during the interview, the amendments made on December 8, 2005, and those submitted with this response should overcome the rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-12 and 15-25 should be withdrawn.

Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Caswell in view of Stephanou et al. This rejection is also substantially identical to the rejection made in the Office Action of August 10, 2005. As discussed at the interview, the amendment submitted on December 8, 2005 should overcome the rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

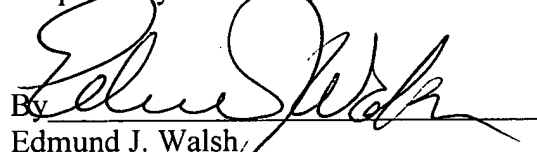
A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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